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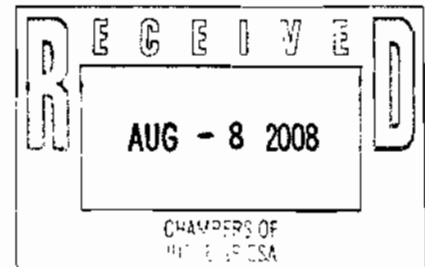
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Via ECF and Regular Mail  
Honorable Thomas P. Griesa  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Joseph Hartline  
07 Cr. 500



Dear Judge Griesa:

I represent Mr. Joseph Hartline on the above-referenced matter which is presently scheduled for a status conference before Your Honor on August 12, 2008.

Mr. Hartline lives in Ohio and it is very time consuming as well as expensive for him to have to travel to New York City in order to appear in court. He is presently employed and receiving drug counseling through the assistance and supervision of Pretrial Services in Ohio. To leave Ohio and travel to New York City and back would require him to take a few days off from work as well as the counseling that is helping him so much.

Presently it appears as if there will be a disposition in this case. Mr. Hartline has been excused from previous court appearances and I respectfully request that he also be excused for the next court date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Paul".

Kenneth A. Paul

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cc: AUSA Jenna M Dabbs (Via ECF)

Approved.  
Thomas P. Griesa  
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